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## **European Resuscitation Council Guidelines 2021: Adult advanced life support**



**There are no major changes in the  
2020 Adult ALS Guidelines**

# Adult advanced life support (ALS)

includes

- the advanced interventions that follow basic life support (BLS) and
- use of an automated external defibrillator (AED)

**Basic life support** continues during and overlaps with ALS interventions

- ALS section includes the prevention and treatment of both
  - ✓ inhospital cardiac arrest (IHCA) and
  - ✓ out-of-hospital cardiac arrest (OHCA)
- the ALS algorithm
- manual defibrillation
- airway management during cardiopulmonary resuscitation (CPR)
- drugs and their delivery during CPR
- the treatment of peri-arrest arrhythmias.

# Prevention of cardiac arrest

- Patients with both in- and out- of hospital cardiac arrest have premonitory signs, and that many of these arrests may be preventable (ie. family members of young victims of SCD) .
- Chest pain, syncope (especially during exercise, while sitting or supine) and palpitations warrant further evaluation.
- In clinical settings use an early warning score to identify and treat patients at increased risk of cardiac arrest.



## National Early Warning Score (NEWS) 2

Physiological parameter	Score						
	3	2	1	0	1	2	3
Respiration rate (per minute)	≤8		9–11	12–20		21–24	≥25
SpO <sub>2</sub> Scale 1(%)	≤91	92–93	94–95	≥96			
SpO <sub>2</sub> Scale 2(%)	≤83	84–85	86–87	88–92 ≥93 on air	93–94 on oxygen	95–96 on oxygen	≥97 on oxygen
Air or oxygen?		Oxygen		Air			
Systolic blood pressure (mmHg)	≤90	91–100	101–110	111–219			≥220
Pulse (per minute)	≤40		41–50	51–90	91–110	111–130	≥131
Consciousness				Alert			CVPU
Temperature (°C)	≤35.0		35.1–36.0	36.1–38.0	38.1–39.0	≥39.1	

# In-hospital cardiac arrest

1.5/1000 patients

- Emergency care treatment and CPR decisions
- Physiological deterioration
- Staff education
- Monitoring
- Recognition
- The call for help: structured communication tools such as **SBAR** (situation-background-assessment-recommendation)
- Response : rapid response systems

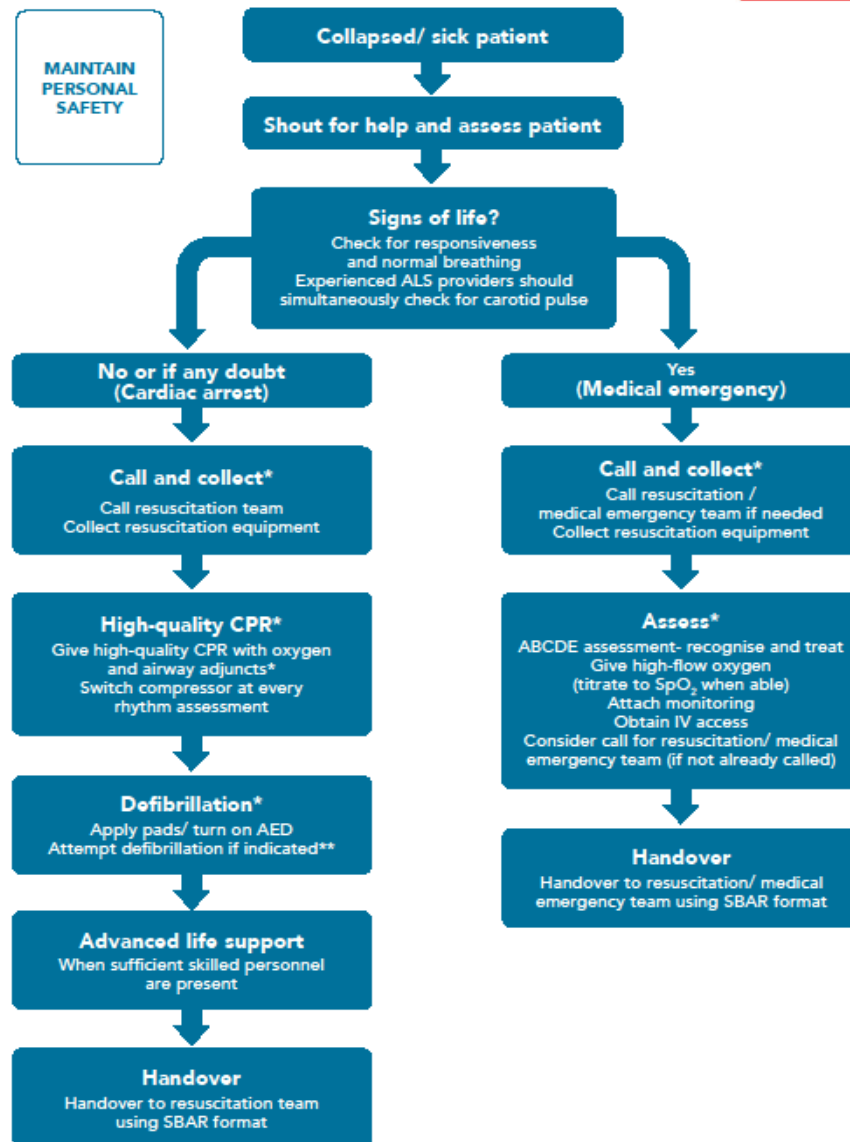
# Treatment of in-hospital cardiac arrest

- **Hospital systems** should aim to recognise cardiac arrest, start CPR immediately, and defibrillate rapidly ( < 3 min )
- **All hospital staff** should be able to
  - ✓ rapidly recognize cardiac arrest
  - ✓ call for help
  - ✓ start CPR and
  - ✓ defibrillate (attach an AED – automated external defibrillator- and follow the AED prompts, or use a manual defibrillator).
- Hospitals should have a **resuscitation team** that immediately responds to IHCA's.



- **Resuscitation team members** should have the key skills and knowledge to
  - ✓ manage a cardiac arrest including manual defibrillation
  - ✓ advanced airway management
  - ✓ intravenous access, intra-osseous access
  - ✓ identification and treatment of reversible causes.
- **Start ALS as early as possible.**
- Emergency medical systems (EMS) should consider implementing criteria for the with holding and termination of resuscitation (TOR) taking in to consideration specific local legal, organizational and cultural context ( Ethics )
- Emergency medical systems (EMS) should monitor staff exposure to resuscitation and low exposure should be addressed to increase EMS team experience in resuscitation.

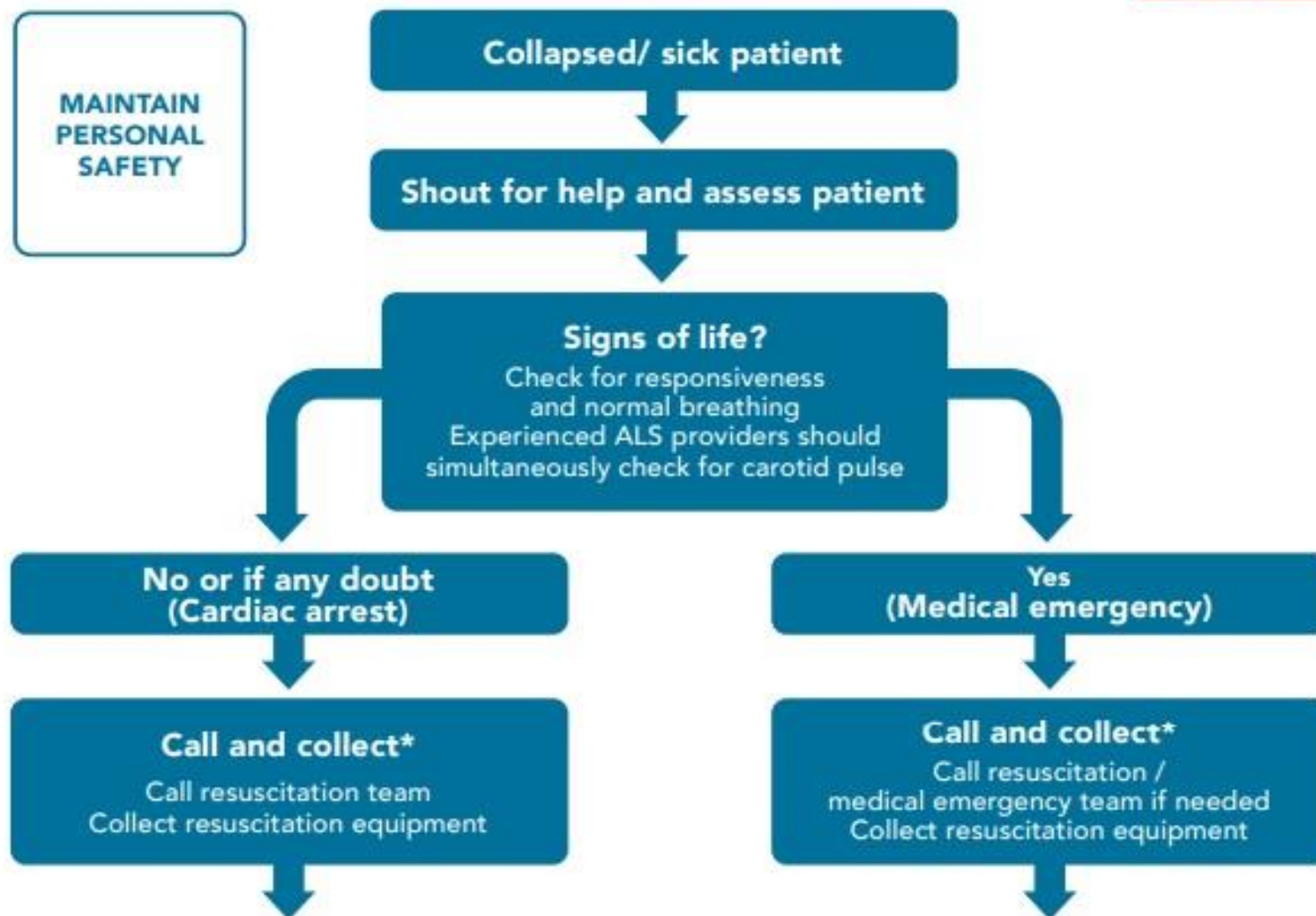
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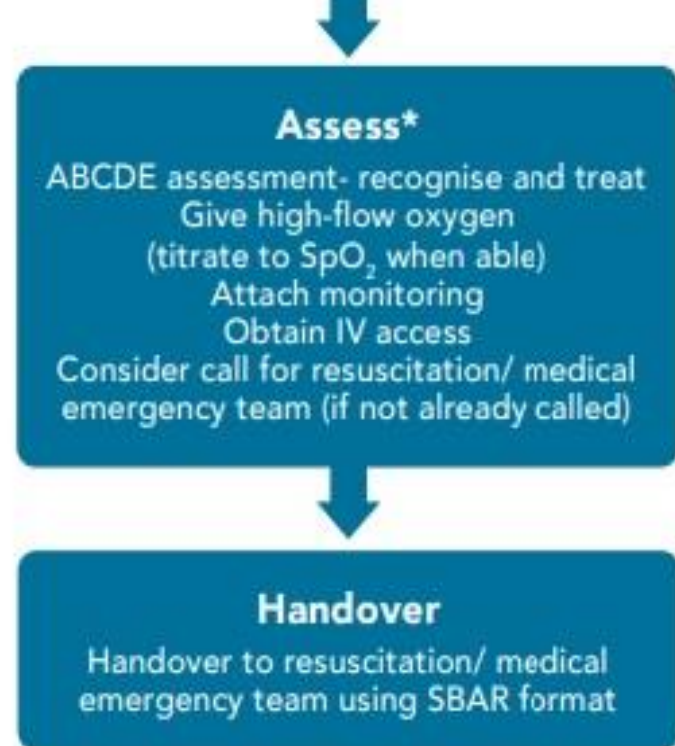
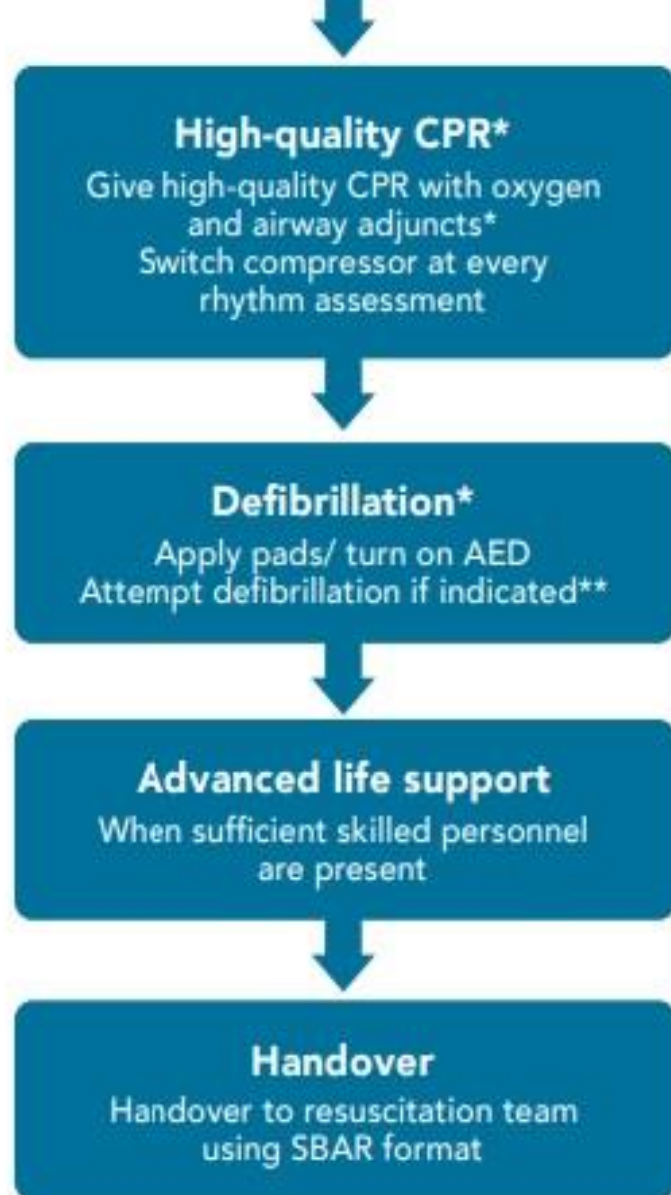


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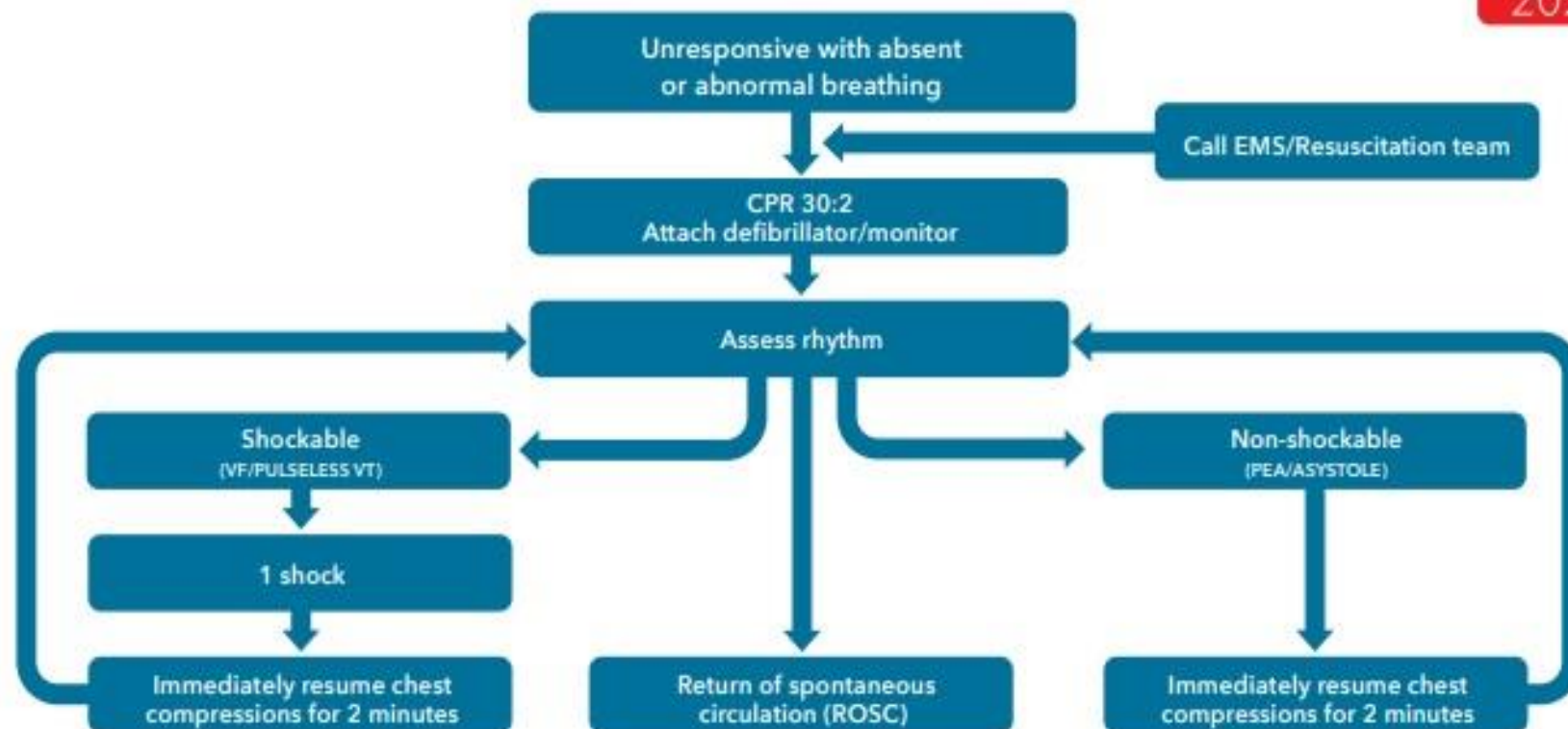




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# ADVANCED LIFE SUPPORT



## Give high-quality chest compressions and

- Give oxygen
- Use waveform capnography
- Continuous compressions if advanced airway
- Minimise interruptions to compressions
- Intravenous or intraosseous access
- Give adrenaline every 3-5 min
- Give amiodarone after 3 shocks
- Identify and treat reversible causes

## Identify and treat reversible causes

- Hypoxia
- Hypovolaemia
- Hypo-/hyperkalemia/metabolic
- Hypo-/hyperthermia
- Thrombosis - coronary or pulmonary
- Tension pneumothorax
- Tamponade - cardiac
- Toxins

Consider ultrasound imaging to identify reversible causes

## Consider

- Coronary angiography/percutaneous coronary intervention
- Mechanical chest compressions to facilitate transfer/treatment
- Extracorporeal CPR

## After ROSC

- Use an ABCDE approach
- Aim for SpO<sub>2</sub> of 94-98% and normal PaCO<sub>2</sub>
- 12 Lead ECG
- Identify and treat cause
- Targeted temperature management



# High quality CPR and early defibrillation

<p><b>CIRCULATION</b> Start chest compressions</p> 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Kneel by the side of the victim</li><li>• Place the heel of one hand in the centre of the victim's chest - this is the lower half of the victim's breastbone (sternum)</li><li>• Place the heel of your other hand on top of the first hand and interlock your fingers</li><li>• Keep your arms straight</li><li>• Position yourself vertically above the victim's chest and press down on the sternum at least 5 cm (but not more than 6 cm)</li><li>• After each compression, release all the pressure on the chest without losing contact between your hands and the sternum</li><li>• Repeat at a rate of 100-120 min<sup>-1</sup></li></ul>
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- High quality chest compressions : hard and fast 5-6cm 120/m
- Shock as early as possible
- ALS: 5 sec pause for rapid assessment – manual defibrillator

# Manual defibrillation

- **Antero-lateral pad position** is the position of choice for initial pad placement. Ensure that the apical (lateral) pad is positioned correctly (mid-axillary line, level with the V6 pad position)i.e. below the armpit.
- In patients with an implantable device, place the pad > 8 cm away from the device, or use an alternative pad position
- Alternate pad position when the patient is in the prone position (bi-axillary) or
- In a refractory shockable rhythm (anterior-posterior).



# Manual defibrillation

- Give a shock as early as possible
- Deliver shocks with minimal interruption to chest compression of less than 5 sec and then immediately resume chest compressions.
- Signs of return of spontaneous circulation (ROSC) such as
  - ✓ waking
  - ✓ purposeful movement
  - ✓ arterial waveform
  - ✓ a sharp rise in end-tidal carbon dioxide (ETCO<sub>2</sub>)consider stopping chest compressions for rhythm analysis, and if appropriate a pulse check.





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# AIRWAY AND VENTILATION DURING CPR

- Use a stepwise approach to airway management according to the skills of the rescuer:
  - ✓ Bag mask
  - ✓ Supraglottic airway
  - ✓ Tracheal tube if >95% success within 2 attempts, in 5sec
- Give the maximum inspired oxygen, 10/min, no interruptions



# Drugs and fluids

- Vascular access: Intravenous (IV) access and intraosseous (IO)
- Vasopressor drugs: **Adrenaline**.
- Antiarrhythmic drugs: Amiodarone , Lidocaine
- Thrombolytic drugs : when pulmonary embolus is the suspected or confirmed cause of cardiac arrest (consider CPR for 60-90 min after administration of thrombolytic drugs).

# Adrenaline



- Give adrenaline 1 mg IV (IO) as soon as possible for adult patients in cardiac arrest with a non-shockable rhythm.
- Give adrenaline 1 mg IV (IO) after the 3rd shock for adult patients in cardiac arrest with a shockable rhythm.
- Repeat adrenaline 1 mg IV (IO) every 3-5 min whilst ALS continues ( 2 cycles of CPR ).

➤ Improves survivors / neurological outcome?

## **Identify and treat reversible causes : 4H-4T**

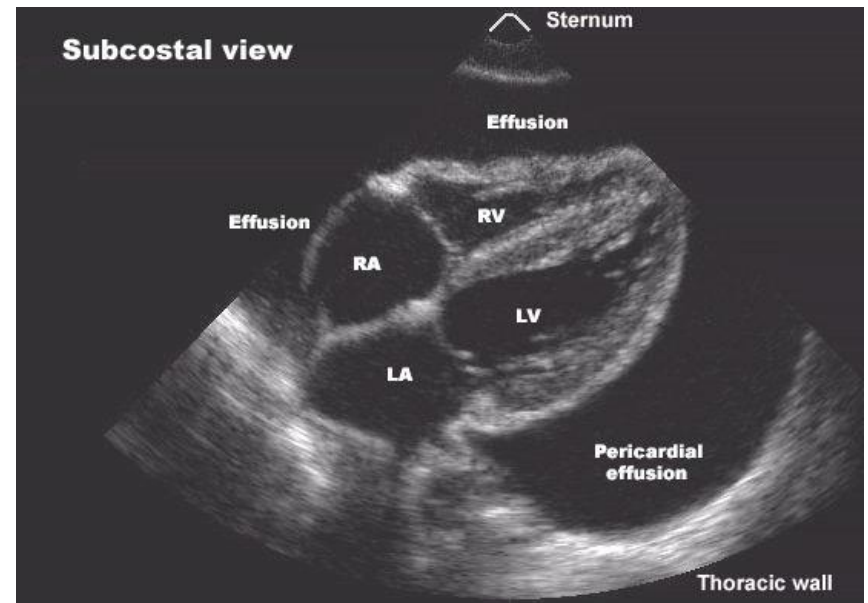
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# Ultrasound imaging during ALS

- Only skilled operators should use intra-arrest point-of-care ultrasound (POCUS).
- Do not cause additional or prolonged interruptions in chest compressions.
- Use to diagnose treatable causes of cardiac arrest such as **cardiac tamponade** and **pneumothorax**.
- Right ventricular dilation in isolation during cardiac arrest should not be used to diagnose massive pulmonary embolism.
- Do not use for assessing contractility of the myocardium as a sole indicator for terminating CPR (rythme, duration arrest).



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# Consider Extracorporeal CPR

- **Rescue therapy for selected patients with cardiac arrest**
- When conventional ALS measures are failing
- To facilitate specific interventions:
  - ✓ coronary angiography and percutaneous coronary intervention (PCI)
  - ✓ pulmonary thrombectomy for massive pulmonary embolism,
  - ✓ rewarming after hypothermic cardiac arrest.
- Specialized teams in settings in which it can be implemented.





# Post resuscitation care

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	Initial assessment (look, listen, feel)	Measure	Action	Consider (after initial assessment)	Assess, Treat as you go and Re-assess
<b>A</b> Airway	Is the airway patent - can the patient talk? Snoring, stridor, obstruction (e.g. foreign body, vomit, blood, edema) Cervical spine		<b>Non-patent airway:</b> - Head tilt, chin lift, jaw thrust - Suction - Naso/oropharyngeal airway <b>O<sub>2</sub> (15 L/min)</b>		
<b>B</b> Breathing	Cyanosis, use of accessory muscles, breathing depth and rhythm, tracheal position, symmetrical chest expansion Breath sounds and auscultation Chest percussion	Respiratory rate SpO <sub>2</sub>	Positioning of patient Bag/pocket mask ventilation Decompression of pneumothorax Inhalations	ABG Chest X-ray	
<b>C</b> Circulation	Bleeding Skin: - Color (pale, red, mottled) - Cool/warm/dry/sweaty Auscultation	Capillary refill time Pulse Blood pressure ECG	Stop bleeding IV/IO access Fluids/blood	12-lead ECG Blood tests Urinary catheter ECHO/FAST/FATE	
<b>D</b> Disability	AVPU Pupils (reaction, size, equal) Neck stiffness	GCS Blood glucose	Recovery position	Lumbar puncture Focused neurologic assessment Rectal examination (sphincter tonus)	
<b>E</b> Exposure	<b>Head-to-toe assessment:</b> - Trauma, fractures, wounds, lesions - Bleeding - Infection, petechiae, rash	Temperature	Prevent hypo-/hyperthermia Stabilize fracture	Blood cultures Culture from wound Antibiotics	

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# Peri-arrest arrhythmias

The assessment and treatment of all arrhythmias addresses

- ✓ the condition of the patient (stable versus unstable) and
- ✓ the nature of the arrhythmia.

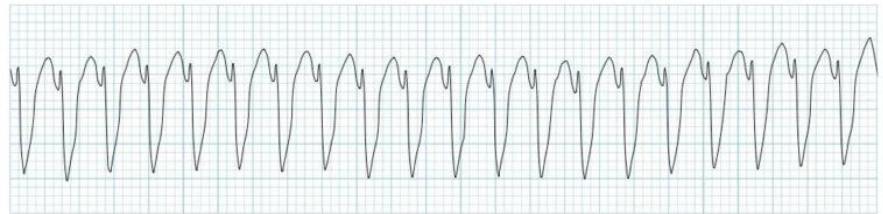
Life-threatening features in an unstable patient include:

- Shock
- Syncope
- Severe heart failure
- Myocardial ischaemia



# Tachycardias

- **Electrical cardioversion** is the preferred treatment for tachyarrhythmia in the unstable patient displaying potentially lifethreatening adverse signs.
- **Conscious patients** require anaesthesia or sedation, before attempting synchronised cardioversion.



# TACHYCARDIA

## ASSESS with ABCDE approach

- Give oxygen if  $SpO_2 < 94\%$  and obtain IV access
- Monitor ECG, BP,  $SpO_2$ . Record 12 lead ECG
- Identify and treat reversible causes (e.g. electrolyte abnormalities, hypovolaemia causing sinus tachycardia)

## Life-threatening features?

1. Shock
2. Syncope
3. Myocardial ischaemia
4. Severe heart failure

YES

## Synchronised shock up to 3 attempts

- Sedation, anaesthesia if conscious
- If unsuccessful:*
- Amiodarone 300 mg IV over 10-20 min, or procainamide 10-15 mg/kg IV over 20 min;
- Repeat synchronised shock

NO

Is QRS narrow ( $<0.12$  s)?

STABLE  
SEEK EXPERT HELP

Broad QRS  
Is QRS regular?

Irregular

### Possibilities include:

- Atrial fibrillation with bundle branch block – treat as for irregular narrow complex
- Polymorphic VT (e.g. torsades de pointes) – give magnesium 2 g over 10 min

Regular

### If VT (or uncertain rhythm):

- Procainamide 10-15 mg/kg IV over 20 min or
- Amiodarone 300 mg IV over 10-60 min

### If previous certain diagnosis of SVT with bundle branch block/ aberrant conduction:

- Treat as for regular narrow complex tachycardia

- If ineffective:
- Synchronised DC shock up to 3 attempts
  - Sedation, anaesthesia if conscious

Narrow QRS  
Is QRS regular?

Regular

## Vagal manoeuvres

### If ineffective:

- Adenosine (if no pre-excitation)
- 6 mg rapid IV bolus;
  - If unsuccessful give 12 mg
  - If unsuccessful give IV 18 mg

### If ineffective:

- Verapamil or beta-blocker

Irregular

### Probable atrial fibrillation:

- Control rate with beta-blocker or diltiazem
- Consider digoxin or amiodarone if evidence of heart failure
- Anticoagulate if duration  $> 48$ h

# Tachycardias - ALS focus

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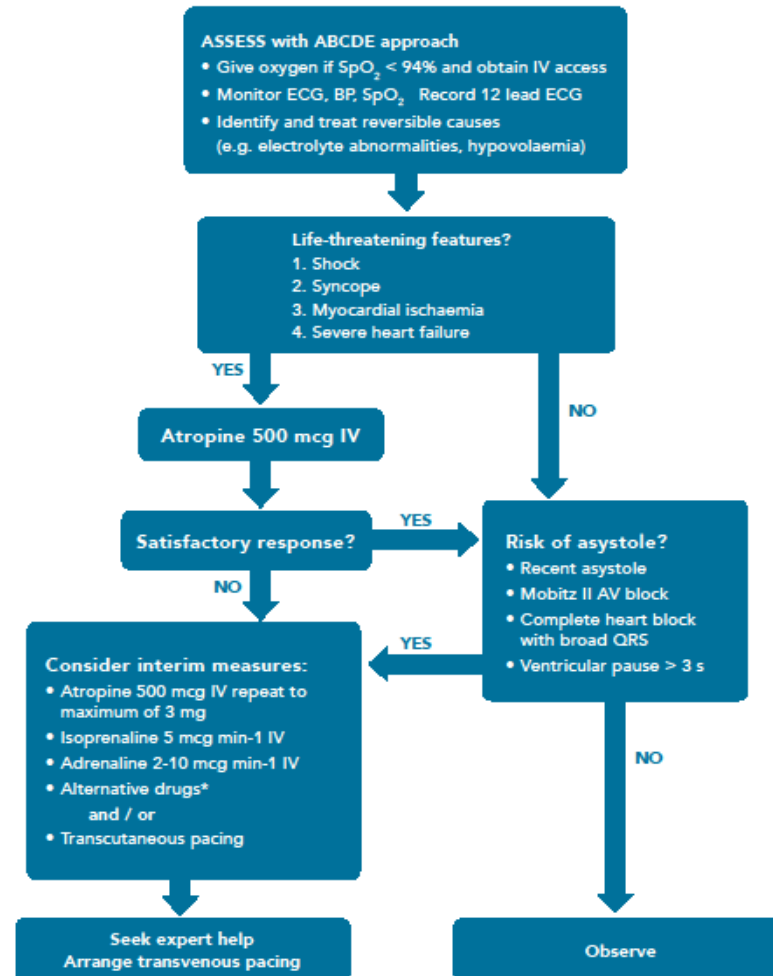
# Bradycardia - ALS focus

- If bradycardia is accompanied by adverse signs, give atropine 500mg IV (IO) and, if necessary, repeat every 35 min to a total of 3 mg.
- If treatment with atropine is ineffective, consider **second line drugs**. These include isoprenaline (5mg min<sup>-1</sup> starting dose), and adrenaline (210mg / min ).
- For bradycardia caused by inferior myocardial infarction, cardiac transplant or spinal cord injury, consider giving aminophylline (100 - 200 mg slow intravenous injection).  
Do not give atropine to patients with cardiac transplants it can cause a high-degree AV block or even sinus arrest use aminophylline.
- Consider giving glucagon if beta-blockers or calcium channel blockers are a potential cause of the bradycardia.
- Consider pacing in patients who are unstable, with symptomatic bradycardia refractory to drug therapies.

If transthoracic pacing is ineffective, consider transvenous pacing.



# BRADYCARDIA



\* Alternatives include:

- Aminophylline
- Dopamine
- Glucagon (if bradycardia is caused by beta-blocker or calcium channel blocker)
- Glycopyrrolate (may be used instead of atropine)

# 5 TOP MESSAGES

**1.** High-quality chest compression with minimal interruption, early defibrillation, and treatment of reversible causes remain the priority

**2.** Premonitory signs and symptoms often occur before cardiac arrest in- or out-of-hospital - cardiac arrest is preventable in many patients

**3.** Use a basic or advanced airway technique - only rescuers with a high success rate should use tracheal intubation

**4.** Use adrenaline early for non-shockable cardiac arrest

**5.** In select patients, if feasible, consider extracorporeal CPR (eCPR) as a rescue therapy when conventional ALS is failing



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